1	2	3
7.	Manipur	05
8.	Mizoram	03
9.	Rajasthan	26
10.	Tripura	04
11.	West Bengal	10

STATEMENT-II

State-wise details of Assistance provided from NFCR

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	State	Assistance provided from NFCR
1.	Andhra Pradesh	75.36
2.	Gujarat	54.58
3.	Himachal Pradesh	-**
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	73.42
5.	Karnataka	17.09*
6.	Madhya Pradesh	38.86*
7.	Manipur	4.93
8.	Mizoram	6.00
9.	Rajasthan	102.93
10.	Tripura	5.34

* Includes assistance provided for floods also.

** The calamity was *prima-facie* not considered to be of rare severity to qualify for assistance from the NFCR and the State would have dealt with it out of the CRF allocation.

Written Answers to Unstarred Questions

Market Intervention Scheme

2909. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for perishable horticultural items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps have been taken by Government under MIS in Tripura for pineapples;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to protect the growers from making distress sale when the prices fall below the economic level, this department implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of the concerned State Government. The loss/profit is shared by the State Government and the Central Government on 50:50 basis.

(c) No proposal has been received for the year 1999 and 2000 season from the Government of Tripura to procure pineapples under MIS.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Central aid to Rajasthan for drought

2910. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe drought conditions in many parts of the State of Rajasthan for the second consecutive year causing acute shortage of drinking water and fodder and the inhabitants of the affected areas moving to other places for their livelihood.

(b) whether the State Government have requested for the Central aid for relief work;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the nature and extent of Central aid to the State to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The State Government of Rajasthan submitted a memorandum seeking assistance of Rs. 1144.40 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of drought. The Central Team visited the State from 10th to 13th January, 2000 and taking into account the norms of assistance, funds available and programmes undertaken, recommended an assistance of Rs. 102.93 crore from the NFCR. The National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) considered this in its meeting held on 27.3.2000 and approved this assistance of Rs. 102.93 crore from NFCR. This amount was released to the